

Drought Task Force Meeting

25-26 October, 2012

**Fort Collins Hilton, 425 West Prospect
Fort Collins, CO 80526**

The first Drought Task Force Meeting will take place October 25-26, 2012 in Fort Collins Colorado. This will be an opportunity for the Drought Task Force to present its research work, make connections with other scientists and stakeholders, and plan future activities (for more information regarding the Drought Task Force visit http://www.climate.noaa.gov/index.jsp?pg=../cpo_pa/mapp/drought.html).

Day 1 of the Drought Task Force Meeting (Oct 25th) will be joint with the Hydro-Climate Session of NOAA's 37th Climate Diagnostics and Prediction Workshop (22-25 October 2012; <http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/outreach/CDPW37.shtml> or <http://www.cira.colostate.edu/events/climate2012.php>).

The goal of the Day 1 joint DTF/CDWS meeting is to present Drought Task Force research to the broader community, receive feedbacks and identify synergies with other activities. The meeting will include opportunities for oral presentations as well as an evening poster session/social event. Drought Task Force participants are encouraged to submit an abstract for the Day 1 joint DTF/CDWS meeting. Registration and abstract submissions for this meeting are at the NOAA Climate Diagnostics and Prediction Workshop websites above (for abstract submission select "Session 3"; discount rates may be available for those who only participate in the Joint DTF/CDWS). **Deadline for submitting an abstract for the joint DTF/CDWS meeting is August 1st, 2012.**

Day 2 (Oct 26th) of the Drought Task Force Meeting will be by invitation-only and will have a few selected talks, with most of the time allocated for planning and discussion. There are two main goals to Day 2 of the meeting: 1) Make direct connections between the Drought Task Force participants and "boundary" organizations (service providers, NIDIS, Drought Mitigation Center, RISAs, etc.) that have a stake in Drought Task Force research outcomes and explore linkages with the developing GDIS, 2) Sum-up Year 1 Drought Task Force accomplishments and make plans for Year 2. Invitees of the Day 2 meeting will include all Task Force participants and selected representatives of the boundary organizations.

Further information regarding Day 2 will follow in a later circular.

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